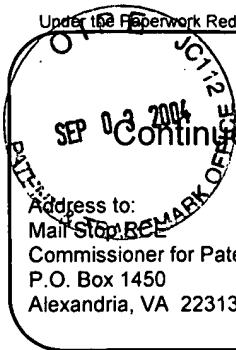


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Application Number	10/079,014
Filing Date	February 19, 2002
First Named Inventor	Andrew Pansini
Art Unit	3751
Examiner Name	Robert M. Fetsuga
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Andrew Pansini	:	Examiner: Robert M. Fetsuga
Application No. 10/079,014	:	AMENDMENT
Filed: February 19, 2002	:	
For: TANK WITH AUTOMATIC FILL	:	
AND OVERFILL DRAIN	:	

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2004, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

Please delete the third full paragraph at page 4, lines 16 through 19 and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

Tank 12 contains automatic fill device 20 and overflow drain device 60 in a fixed relationship to each other. This can be accomplished by numerous designs in which automatic fill device 20 and overflow drain device 60 are connected to each other so that their height within tank 12 can be simultaneously adjusted.

Please delete the last paragraph at page 4, beginning at page 4, line 20 and ending at page 5, line 8 and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

By way of illustration and for exemplary purposes only, automatic fill device 20 and overflow drain device 60 can be mounted on an adjustable member, such as a platform or plate, 80 so that the height of automatic fill device 20 and overflow drain device 60 within tank 12